

Country Club of Miami Community Council (5)
Special - Non-Zoning Meeting
Country Club Middle School
18305 NW 75 Place
Miami, FL 33015
June 4, 2009
7:00 PM

Council Members Present

Joanne Carbana
Richard Friedman, Chairman
Juan Garcia, Vice-Chair
Archie McKay, Jr.
Leonardo Perez
Alexander Senderoff

Community Council Support Staff Present

Marisol Triana, Executive Secretary
Christie M Toledo-Fernandez, Planner

Miami-Dade County Staff Present

Mike Riera, Public Works Department
Mark Heinicke, Parks Planner, Parks Department
Bob Pearsall & Joel Perez, Transit Department
Christian Brito, Commissioner Seijas' Office
Thomas Spehar & Eric Silva, DP&Z
Claire Mostel, Office of Neighborhood Compliance
Eleasa B. Thompson, Police Department

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Triana called roll and there were 6 members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda as amended, moving the DP&Z Charrette presentation as item 8, was forwarded by Councilwoman Carbana and seconded by Councilman Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes was forwarded by Councilwoman Carbana and seconded by Councilman Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Friedman reported that a private meeting has been scheduled for Friday June 12, 2009 between Congressman Diaz-Balart, United States Postal Services and himself to start discussion with the Postal Service regarding changing the name of the area. This meeting will be initiated and will not be a public hearing. Chairman Friedman feels a positive move that the Postal Service agreed to the meeting. He will raise the following issues the area being including in other

city's census information, paying additional taxes on cell phones, being assessed charges on insurances because they are being lumped into other cities. Chairman Friedman stated that they might get resistance from the Postal Service, since he has been advised from Washington that they may move very slowly if at all. Constituent Carol Feiler forwarded letters regarding this issue to the council member.

Chairman Freedman recapped the issue regarding the agenda setting process for the Community Council for future reference. He mentioned that if there was any issue that a Councilmember wanted to bring up that was not spoken about at the previous meeting, to please contact Ms. Triana and she will coordinate with the Chair to incorporate the concerns and/or items.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING – SUNSET REVIEW 2009

The Sunset Review Agenda item was brought to the board and there was discussion on the accomplishments of the council. Councilwoman Carbana made a motion to approve the 2009 Sunset Review and was seconded by Councilman McKay. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING – COUNTRY CLUB/PALM SPRINGS NORTH CHARRETTE UPDATE

Tom Spehar, Community Planning Supervisor, addressed the Council's concerns regarding the Country Club/Palm Springs North Charrette. Mr. Spehar spoke about the Town Center and the area where the request for the Town Center is zoned is as industrial and not really meant for a town center. Mr. Spehar advised the Council to make a resolution to urge the Commissioners for a town center.

MIAMI DADE PARKS AND RECREATION - OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

Mark Heinicke, Parks Planner, presented the Open Spaces Master Plan, which is a 50 year plan to better Miami-Dade County for the future. The goal of the master plan, as discuss by Mr. Heinicke, is to create a seamless, sustainable system of parks, recreation and conservation open spaces for this and future generations.

MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CRIME STATISTICS HONEY HILL DRIVE

Major Thompson, Miami-Dade Police Department came to speak about the crime statistics in the area as well as the accident report (distributed) in the intersection of honey hill drive. The Council stressed their concerns as to what was going to be done over the summer when school is out and kids are home. Maj. Thompson stressed to the Council that even though budgets have been trimmed monies in the budget have been left set aside for extra duty PSAs for extra surveillance in the area.

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT – STACKING ON 87TH AVENUE AND MIAMI GARDENS DRIVE

Mr. Pearsall spoke about the issues pertaining to the area on 87th avenue and Miami Gardens Drive. Most council members expressed their concerns about County buses that turn and stay on the avenue as a rest area. The Council requested the County to talk to FDOT for road improvements in that will be done on Miami Gardens Drive. The concerns of transit were expressed to the transit representatives.

MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS – TRAFFIC STUDIES: NW 57TH AVE. & NW 195TH DR.; TRAFFIC CALMING ON HONEY HILL (NW 199-202 ST) NW 47TH -57TH AVE.

Dr. Chen spoke about the issue on 57th avenue and 195th drive where a traffic study was done. On 57th Avenue, there will be widening of the 195th Ave and a second turning lane will be added as a result of the traffic study. There was a concern on the drain on 195th drive where supposedly there was concrete poured into. Public works will contact FDOT to discuss the drainage issue. Also, the issue of the stacking on 195th street by Charles Wyche School was brought to the attention of Public Works. Mr. Molins mentioned that the public school division will contact the principal of the school to discuss the stacking issue and report back to the council.

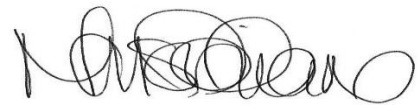
Mike Riera spoke about a request for a raised median on Honey Hill drive. Mr. Riera stated that placing a raised median on Honey Hill between 52nd Ave & 57th Ave would help calm traffic. Also, Mr. Riera mentioned that they would go ahead and do landscaping to add more to the calming effect. The accident report that the police department presented was shown to public works so that this can be taken into consideration for traffic calming.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

- 1- Public Works Department Issues
 - a. Intersection of 52nd Ave & 195th where county staff will contact the principal of the school in regards to the stacking on 195th drive
 - b. School signs and drainage on 195th drive
 - c. Visible Road markers on 75th Place
 - d. Honey Hill Drive traffic calming studies with the information provided my MDPD
 - e. Street Re-pavement projects in Community Council 5 Area
- 2- Public Works Department, Transit & FDOT – Intersection of Miami Gardens Drive & 87th Ave traffic, bus stacking and the re-pavement project of Miami Gardens Drive
- 3- Resolution regarding the Country Club/Palm Springs North Charrette (Town Center)
- 4- Parks – Norma & Jean Reach Park (maintenance) & Acadia Park (bathrooms), Recreation Activities during Summer Break involving outside agencies
- 5- Miami-Dade Police – Crime Statistics over the summer break; Mobile Operation Center will be available at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marisol Triana, Executive Secretary